

ORDINANCE NO. 20170302-036

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE 21-ACRE PARKLAND NEAR PALMER EVENTS CENTER AND WAIVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 14-1 RELATING TO THE RENAMING OF PARKLAND.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) Irish immigrant Michael Butler founded the Butler Brick Company in Austin in 1873.
- (B) Millions of Butler bricks were used to construct the Texas Capitol and many other buildings throughout Austin.
- (C) Butler's brick plants mined clay from the alluvium along the Colorado River.
- (D) Butler Brick Company owned and operated its business on land that generally extended along what is now Barton Springs Road between Barton Creek and South First Street.
- (E) For a time the Butler company leased the A. J. Zilker clay pits (now the site of the Zilker soccer fields) and the double-tower supports for the tram line used to transport clay still stand in front of Austin High School.
- (F) In 1941 the Michael Butler family donated 91 acres of land south of the Colorado River to the City of Austin for parks and recreation purposes.
- (G) In 1964 the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's significant contributions to Austin by naming the southern shore of the Colorado River from Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge as "Butler Civic Center West," the area near the Austin Parks and Recreation offices as "Butler Shores," and the section containing the Long Center and Palmer Events Center as "Butler Civic Center."
- (H) In 2007 the City Council named the recently opened 21-acre park west of the Palmer Events Center between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road "Butler Park" in honor of the Michael Butler family.

- (I) In 2013 the City Council named the trail around Lady Bird Lake in honor of Ann and Roy Butler.
- (J) Both Butler families have made enormous contributions to our city and deserve significant recognition.
- (K) Having two areas in close proximity both named to recognize different Butler families can create confusion.
- (L) The City Council desires to continue to recognize Michael Butler for his contributions to early Austin's history and economy and to acknowledge his family's significant gift of land.

PART 2. The name of the 21-acre park west of the Palmer Events Center between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road is changed from "Butler Park" to "Michael Butler Park," "Butler Shores" is renamed "Michael Butler Shores," and these sites will be thus recognized in official City of Austin markers and documents as appropriate.


PART 3. The Council waives the requirements of Code Sections 14-1-36 through 14-1-39 related approval of a name for a public facility or property.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on March 13, 2017.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, March 2, 2017

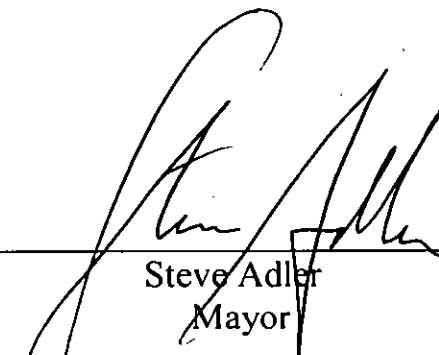
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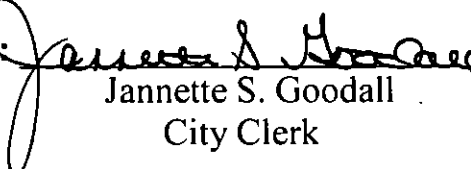
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ATTEST:



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